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1. AGENDA ITEM 4(A), U.S. POSITION: THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MAY SUPPORT (WITH EXCEPTIONS NOTED BELOW) THE ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AS THEY APPEAR IN OES/ACPR (2) /2/REV. 1. THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD SUPPORT KEEPING THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AS SHARPLY FOCUSED AS POSSIBLE AND OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPTS TO BROADEN THE TERMS OR INTRODUCE MORE GENERAL TERMINOLOGY THAT MIGHT IN FUTURE PERMIT THE COMMITTEE TO ENGAGE ITSELF OUTSIDE THE NATURAL RESOURCES FIELD OR TO OVERLAP THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF OTHER ESCAP COMMITTEES.

THE EXCEPTIONS ARE PARAGRAPH (6), WHICH THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD VOTE TO DELETE AS TOO OPEN-ENDED, AND THE FINAL PARAGRAPH, WHICH IS AMBIGUOUS. THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD PROPOSE AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THIS PARAGRAPH: THE COMMITTEE WILL MEET ONCE EVERY YEAR TO FOCUS ON, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, EVERY THIRD YEAR, THE SUBJECTS OF ENERGY, WATER AND MINERAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND REPORT TO THE COMMISSION.

2. AGENDA ITEM 4(B), U.S. POSITION: THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD URGE CAUTION IN CREATING SUBSIDIARY BODIES IN THE FIELD OF NATURAL RESOURCES. HE SHOULD OPPOSE THE CREATION AT THIS MEETING OF PERMANENT SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND URGE INSTEAD RELIANCE ON AD HOC AND TEMPORARY BODIES WHICH WOULD BE CREATED TO MEET EMERGING NEEDS.

3. AGENDA ITEM 5(A)(I), ADD FOOTNOTE TO PARAGRAPH 3 UNDER U.S. POSITION AS FOLLOWS: SEE FERC/74/7 OF 12TH FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST HELD IN TOKYO SEPTEMBER 17-27, 1974, ON SUBJECT OF PRODUCTION IN RAINFED AREAS.

4. AGENDA ITEM 5(A)(II), U.S. POSITION. DELETE "AND THE GOALS ESTABLISHED" SO THAT FIRST SENTENCE READS AS FOLLOWS: THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE.

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5. AGENDA ITEM 9, UNDER PROBLEM SECOND SENTENCE SHOULD READ: IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SIMILAR PREPARATION FOR THE 1977 CONFERENCE (INCLUDING AN INITIAL MEETING IN GENEVA IN JANUARY 1975 AND A REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM IN PRAGUE IN MAY 1976), IN WHICH WE HAVE AGREED TO PARTICIPATE, IS ALREADY UNDERWAY IN THE ECE. UNDER U.S. POSITION FIRST SENTENCE SHOULD READ: THE DELEGATION SHOULD SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL FOR A PREPARATORY REGIONAL

MEETING SOMETIME IN 1976.

6. AGENDA ITEM 11, LAST PHRASE UNDER PROBLEM SHOULD READ: ESPECIALLY BY INCREASING THE PRODUCTION OF INDIGENEOUS ENERGY RESOURCES WITHIN THE ESCAP COUNTRIES, INCLUDING HYDROELECTRIC AND ALTERNATIVE AND NON-CONVENTIONAL RESOURCES. UNDER U.S. POSITION SECOND PARAGRAPH SHOULD READ: THE ESCAP DRAFT WORK PROGRAM FOR 1975-77 IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSES A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT,

UTILIZATION AND CONSERVATION OF ENERGY RESOURCES. THE DELEGATION SHOULD OPPOSE THE PROPOSAL FOR A STUDY OF THE ROLE OF MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES IN THE SUPPLY AND PRICING OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE SUBJECT OF MNC'S IS CURRENTLY BEING STUDIED ON A GLOBAL BASIS IN ECOSOC. WE SHOULD BE ALERT TO THE LIKELIHOOD THAT SUCH A STUDY WOULD BECOME THE FOCUS FOR AN ATTACK ON THE INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES. THE U.S. COMMENDS THE CONCEPT OF COORDINATED APPROACH TO FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION'S INDIGENEOUS RESOURCES, PARTICULARLY HYDROELECTRIC AND ALTERNATIVE MEANS. THE DETAILS OF THE WORK PROGRAM, HOWEVER, REQUIRE FURTHER EVALUATION OF THE MAGNITUDE OF THE EFFORT AND THE PROBABILITIES OF ACHIEVEMENT.

7. AGENDA ITEM 12, U.S. POSITION (1) SHOULD READ:
THE U.S. DEL SHOULD NOTE THE REPORT OF THE REMOTE SENSING SEMINAR AND ANY REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARIAT IN THIS AREA AND STATE THAT WE LOOK FORWARD TO STUDYING THE RECOMMENDATIONS.

8. DECONTROL ON NOVEMBER 5, 1974. INGERSOLL
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